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To: Presidents, 1994 Land Grant Institutions

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Subject: **Correction:** 1994 Institutions Endowment Fund – 2012 Interest Distribution

This is a correction to the previous letter dated May 1, 2012 to Presidents, 1994 Land Grant Institutions regarding the 1994 Institutions Endowment Fund – 2012 Interest Distribution. Recently in working with our sister agency Agricultural Research Service (ARS), it was identified that previous distributions for interest were identified using the incorrect year for the interest and the incorrect amount for the federal administration. As a result we have corrected and updated the 2012 Interest Distribution to reflect the correct year of the interest calculation. We are aware that this will show the 2011 award number for the 2011 and 2012 distribution of your funds. These funds will be in your 2011 ASAP account by COB on July 13, 2012.

This notification indicates the distribution of interest earned in 2011 from the 1994 Endowment Funds to the individual 1994s. Title V, Part C of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Public Law 103-382 (October 20, 1994), cited as "Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994," provides that certain tribal colleges, designated as "1994 Institution," receive various benefits. These include contributions by the Federal Government to an endowment fund, the interest income from which is distributed to the 1994 Institutions.

Section 533 (c) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 ("the Act") establishes "1994 Institutions" as Land Grant colleges established for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503; 7 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.* Additionally, the Act requires that the Secretary of Treasury establish, contribute to the corpus and distribute the interest from an endowment fund to eligible 1994 Institutions. This endowment fund is dubbed the "1994 Institutions Endowment Fund." The interest income is distributed according to a formula: 60 percent of the income is distributed among the 1994 Institutions based on the Indian Student Count (as defined in section 390 (3) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2397h(3) for each 1994 Institution for the fiscal year and 40 percent of the income is distributed in equal shares to the 1994 Institutions. By interagency agreement, the Secretary of Treasury has delegated to USDA NIFA the authority to compute and distribute the interest to the 1994 Institutions.

Legislation designates that the Endowment Fund benefit the Institutions by supporting:

- Curricula design and instructional materials
- Faculty development and preparation for teaching

- Instruction delivery systems
- Student experiential learning
- Equipment & instrumentation for teaching
- Student recruitment and retention

In order to receive Endowment Interest Distribution Funds, 1994 Institutions must meet certain accreditation requirements. Those institutions that do not meet these requirements will not participate in this program and the share of their funds may be redistributed to other eligible 1994 Institutions.

Reporting:

As part of its oversight and accountability responsibilities, the following documents should be submitted **by December 30 of each year:**

- Award Letter FY-2012
- Planning and Reporting Document
- Annual Financial Status Report - SF-425
- Tribal Web Portal

FAQ on Endowment Policies and Procedures:

- Endowment Distribution is on interest earned based on a formula
- Funds may be drawn down all at once or over time
- Endowment Funds do not expire – they may be held indefinitely
- Funds may be drawn down and put into an interest bearing College account
- May be used for new construction relating to the 1994 as a Land Grant Institution

Electronic submission is required:

Program Report

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Financial Report (SF-425)

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**Fiscal Year 2011 - Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds
Award # 2011-38423**

Award # 2011-38423 (Correction)

| <u>Institution</u> | <u>Grant number</u> | FY 2011 |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Allocation Amount |
| Aaniih Nakoda College (Fort Belknap College, MT) | 2011-38423-06918 | 101,197 |
| Bay Mills Community College, MI | 2011-38423-06911 | 116,937 |
| Blackfeet Community College, MT | 2011-38423-06916 | 155,854 |
| Cankdeska Cikana Community College, ND | 2011-38423-06903 | 100,678 |
| Chief Dull Knife College, MT | 2011-38423-06913 | 92,894 |
| College of Menominee Nation, WI | 2011-38423-06920 | 138,212 |
| Dine' College, AZ | 2011-38423-06927 | 395,241 |
| D-Q University, CA | 2011-38423-06926 | 0 |
| Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, MN | 2011-38423-06909 | 106,905 |
| Fort Berthold Community College, ND | 2011-38423-06905 | 94,278 |
| Fort Peck Community College, MT | 2011-38423-06925 | 130,082 |
| Haskell Indian Nations University, KS | 2011-38423-07756 | 245,970 |
| Ilisagvik College | 2011-38423-07327 | 78,712 |
| Institute of American Indian Arts, NM | 2011-38423-06901 | 97,045 |
| Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, WI | 2011-38423-06921 | 107,769 |
| Leech Lake Tribal College, MN | 2011-38423-06910 | 87,359 |
| Little Big Horn College, MT | 2011-38423-06917 | 137,001 |
| Little Priest Tribal College, | 2011-38423-06931 | 75,253 |
| Navajo Technical College, NM | 2011-38423-06919 | 236,111 |
| Nebraska Indian College, NE | 2011-38423-06924 | 75,597 |
| Northwest Indian College, WA | 2011-38423-06922 | 173,324 |
| Oglala Lakota College, SD | 2011-38423-06908 | 301,838 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, MI | 2011-38423-06933 | 70,927 |
| Salish Kootenai College, MT | 2011-38423-06914 | 209,474 |
| Si Tanka College | 2011-38423-06906 | 0 |
| Sinte Gleska University, SD | 2011-38423-06907 | 167,097 |
| Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, SD | 2011-38423-06928 | 89,608 |
| Sitting Bull College, ND | 2011-38423-06923 | 116,245 |
| Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NM | 2011-38423-06900 | 193,907 |
| Stone Child College, MT | 2011-38423-06912 | 115,726 |
| Tohono O'Odham | 2011-38423-06934 | 80,614 |
| Turtle Mountain Community College, ND | 2011-38423-06902 | 199,961 |
| United Tribes Technical College, ND | 2011-38423-06904 | 190,275 |
| White Earth Tribal and Community College | 2011-38423-06932 | 71,274 |
| Total Payments to Institutions | | \$ 4,553,365 |
| Federal Administration * | | 168,319 |
| Grand Total | | \$ 4,721,684 |

Note: The Federal Administration amount and the grant award number was corrected as a result of incomplete calculations of interest as reported to NIFA. All other amounts remain correct. *